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**SCOTT AVENUE BRIDGE INSPECTION IN PORTSMOUTH**  
***WILL REQUIRE TWO DAYS OF ALTERNATING ONE-WAY TRAFFIC***

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces an inspection of the Scott Avenue Bridge in Portsmouth is expected to take place on Monday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 7, 2003. This bridge inspection work will require one-way alternating traffic on the bridge for those two days.

The Scott Avenue Bridge inspection is part of a six-week inspection of both the Memorial Bridge over the Piscataqua River and the nearby Scott Avenue Bridge. The inspection findings will be used in developing rehabilitation or replacement options for Memorial Bridge and Scott Avenue Bridge.

Also, as part of the Memorial Bridge inspection, Memorial Bridge will not be lifted for boat traffic on Tuesday, September 30, 2003 from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, and on Wednesday, October 1, 2003 from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

The States of New Hampshire and Maine each have 50 % ownership of Memorial Bridge and would share equally the costs of rehabilitating or replacing the bridge through the Federal Highway Bridge Program. The City of Portsmouth would be responsible for 20 % of the costs of replacing Scott Avenue Bridge, with the State of New Hampshire providing 80 % with Federal funds.

HNTB Corporation, of Boston, Massachusetts is the contractor for the \$672,000 bridge inspection project.